

the part of Congress as will secure the liquidation of the just claims of Maryland as set forth in the foregoing resolution, and provide for the prompt and speedy completion of said canal;

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Graves from the majority of the select committee, delivered the following

REPORT:

The select committee to which was referred so much of the resolutions passed at a meeting held in Liberty district, Frederick county, as relates to the reduction of the members of the House of Delegates, by taking one from each county and the city of Baltimore, report, that having had the same under consideration, they cannot with propriety recommend a compliance with the prayer of the petitioners, deeming a reduction upon such a basis, as unequal and necessarily unjust in its operation.

Respectfully submitted

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Which was read.

Mr. Poole from the minority of said committee, offered as a substitute for said report of the majority, the following report, accompanied with a bill entitled, an act to reduce the number of the members of the House of Delegates:

The minority of the committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Liberty district in Frederick county, in reference to a diminution of the number of Delegates in the Legislature, respectfully

REPORT:

That the subject matter of reference, is one of great moment, and demands the serious attention of this body, under the recent change in the constitution produced as your committee believe by acquiescence to the popular will, by a more equitable representation, the number of delegates has been increased, and but for the embarrassed condition of the finances of the State, an alteration or